



## St. Joseph Bay State Buffer Preserve

The St. Joseph Bay Buffer Preserve is unique in being one of the last remaining Buffer Preserve's in the state of Florida. This area is located within one of the most biologically diverse regions in North America and the greater Apalachicola Drainage basin. The lands within the Buffer Preserve are of special biological significance and were acquired to preserve a range of threatened coastal habitats and species.

LEARN MORE: www.visitgulf.com/bufferpreserve

## Sure, we're just a bit off the beaten path—but that doesn't stop our visitors from finding us.

Off the beaten path and nestled on the shores of St. Joseph's Bay, Port St. Joe thrives on its natural scenic beauty, deep history and true Southern hospitality. Whether you are walking, shopping, fishing, dining or catching up on history, you'll never meet friendlier people.

Parks and playgrounds are peppered throughout Port St. Joe and families take full advantage of the outdoor fun. Frank Pate Park is located in the heart of Port St. Joe, offering trails, playgrounds and picnic tables. Two

boat launch ramps are available for free, but, if you simply want to sit and take it all in, you are sure to see the fish jump!

Port St. Joe Marina is always active, offering charters, boat rentals and dining to guests. We want our visitors to enjoy our water so, after a long day on the bay scalloping or off-shore fishing, you clean your catch and we'll cook it, if you like.

Scattered through town there are great places to shop or grab a bite to eat. Restaurants, diners, food trucks and bistros offer everything from upscale and trendy to ethnic and southern cuisine. One thing you won't have trouble finding is plenty of fresh seafood! Whether you're shopping or just browsing, the Historic Downtown Shopping District is just the place to find a unique gift, perfect outfit, home furnishings or local art.

We seem to celebrate everything around here and fun festivals are something we do a lot of. Join us for our annual Scallop Festival and be sure to stop by our Salt-Air Farmer's Market in our town center. For a complete list of events, see page XX or go to visitgulf.com/calendar. No matter why you're here, you'll be touched by this unhurried place.

"This is NOT Destin, so get ready to get your quiet on and enjoy the water or go exploring. We rented a house with a view of the beautiful bay with breath-taking sunsets and a few lightening storms from the large back deck. Spent most of life visiting all over Florida; how did I miss this sparkling gem?"

Michelle P. via



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